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U.S. PATENTS/PUBLICATION

<u>Number</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Date</u>
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#### NON-U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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0924122	Europe	June 23, 1999
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